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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4-6 and 9 as follows.

Please substitute the following amended claim(s) for corresponding claim(s) previously presented. A copy of the amended claim(s) showing current revisions is attached.

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4. (Amended) A semiconductor active backplane according to claim 1 wherein there is a single active element at each location of the array proved by a single transistor.